THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Market authorization/licensing of a product in a country depends upon submission of a specific application for such purpose.

As per available information, application for marketing of Nimesulide has not been made in USA, UK, New Zealand and Australia.

A detailed examination has been undertaken by an expert committee (Sub-Committee) of Drug Technical Advisory Board to deliberate on the issues concerning the safety of Nimesulide, including its use in children. More than 20 expert paediatricians across the country and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) were consulted. Majority of experts have confirmed the reliability of Nimesulide and no serious adverse reaction in children have been reported in the country.

Aids cases in Orissa

502. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40 lakh people in the country await certain death, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated 11th December, 2002;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country stand second to South Africa in the list of nations whether AIDS has taken epidemic form;

(c) if so, the places in Orissa which are the vulnerable blocks; and

(d) the assistance rendered by the Centre to the State Government to control the incidents of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) 1. Based on the HIV sentinel surveillance round 2001 it is estimated that 3.97 million persons in India are infected with HIV.

2. HIV is a virus, and like all viral infections, the HIV infection is a battle between the immune system and the invading virus. When the

immune system becomes unable to protect the body against opportunistic infections/illnesses, this makes the beginning of the final stage of the HIV infection and clinical AIDS is detected. AIDS is invariably fatal.

3. Of the total disease burden, every year about 10 per cent infected persons progress to AIDS. The length of the survival of the individual after infection depends on: general health, access to medical treatment for opportunistic illness and use of triple anti-retroviral drug therapies. Some HIV infected persons progress to AIDS very quickly, while others survive longer.

(b) We have the largest numbers of persons affected with HIV/AIDS after South Africa.

(c) The State AIDS Control Society, Orissa has completed mapping of in 11 out of 30 districts in the State in respect of vulnerable populations like commercial sex workers, intravenous drug users, truck drivers, migrant workers, fishermen, industrial workers and slum dwellers. A list is enclosed, indicating the vulnerable blocks/towns, district-wise as Statement (*See* below).

(d) During the last three years, the assistance provided by the Centre to the State Government (Orissa State AIDS Control Society) for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS is as below:

2000-01: 4.08 crores
2001-02: 5.65 crores
2002-03: 4.48 croes
as on 21.2.03

Statement

List of vulnerable blocks/towns in Orissa

Sl. No.	Districts	Blocks/Towns
1.	Keonjhar	Joda
2.	Bolangir	Bolangir urban, Bolangir Sadar, Puintala, Agalpur and Loisunga
3.	Sundargarth	Roukela Urban

Sl. No.	Districts	Blocks/Towns
4.	Ganjam	Aska, Hinjili, Kodala, Khahkote, Sanakhemundi, Digapahandi, Purusottampur, Sergarh, Polsara, Kabisuryanagar, Dharakot, Bhanjanagar, Soroda, Belguntha, Sadar, Buguda, Jaganath Prasad, Chikiti, Kukudakhandi, Rangeilunda, Chatrapur, Patrapur
5.	Koraput	Koraput
6.	Dhenkanai	Kamakhyanagar, Odapada, Kanakadahad, Hidnol
7.	Puri	Satyabadi, Astarang, Gop, Kanas, Puri Sadar, Delang, Brahmagiri, Kakatpur, Puri Urban
8.	Cuttack	Cuttack Urban
9.	Jagatsinghpur	Paradeep Urban
10.	Balasore	Balasore Sadar, Balasore Urban
11.	Khurda	Banapur, Bhubaneswar Urban

Adulteration in bottled water

503. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that bottled water available in various markets in Delhi and other places contains harmful pesticides;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration has totally failed to check such adulteration in bottled water;

(c) whether Government have fixed any responsibility on PFA department about the adulteration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Packaged Drinking Water